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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: JAN 1 6 1997

In the Claims:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of encapsulating a semiconductor chip assembly having a top layer with an array of exposed terminals thereon, the terminals being electrically connected to the chip, said method comprising the steps of:

placing an encapsulant barrier adjacent the semiconductor chip assembly, said encapsulant barrier at least partially defining an encapsulation area;

providing a protective barrier <u>in contact with said top layer</u> for protecting the terminals on the top layer from an encapsulation material; and

introducing an encapsulation material into at least a portion of the encapsulation area so that the encapsulation material flows to fill the encapsulation area and

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